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In re Patent Application of Henning et al.

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For: Method for Increasing Clinical Specificity when Detecting Tumors and Their Precursors  
Stages by Simultaneously Measuring at Least Two Different Molecular Markers

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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2004 (Paper No. 20040914), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2004 for three (3) months from December 17, 2004 to March 17, 2005. Please charge the fee for the three-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3372.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please amend claims 1-3 and 5-7, as shown in the attached sheets (pages 6-7).